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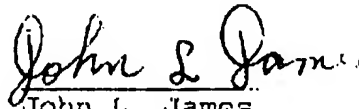
This paper merges claims 22 and 24 of reissue application Serial No. 11/096,232 into reissue application Serial No. 10/705,666 as new claims 29 and 30. New claims 29 and 30 are word for word exactly the same as claims 22 and 24 which were allowed in the divisional reissue application.

An express abandonment of the divisional reissue application is submitted herewith on form PTO/SB/24. After acceptance of the express abandonment, reissue application Serial No. 10/705,666 will be the only application pending. Claims 1-17 and 25-30 are present in the application. Claims 18-24 have been cancelled.

A supplemental declaration in draft form setting forth the errors corrected is attached hereto to expedite disposition of the application. A supplemental declaration executed by the assignee will be forwarded as soon as possible.

In view of the foregoing, the reissue application is in condition for allowance and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

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